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TOPIC Construction Project South of Strausberg

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25X1 1.                      a construction sight covering 3 or 4 square km in the wooded area south of the Berlin-Strausberg railroad line, immediately west of the Strausberg-Hennickendorf road. The area was surrounded by a pale fence, the three gates of which were guarded by KVP personnel who wore red collar patches. KVP patrols were seen within the area. Four large and 2 small permanent buildings on which plastering work was being done had been erected along the railroad line. A concrete underground bunker was under construction about 100 meters south of the main gate.                      near the Strausberg railroad station, a large dump of construction materials. Three boxcars loaded with cement were seen on a siding in this area. Civilian trucks continuously hauled construction materials to the construction sight.                      construction work on this sight was executed by Bau Union Spree.

25X1 2.                      the construction of 10 garages was being pushed at the installation south of Strausberg. Each of these garages had a total of 36 doors, 18 on each longitudinal side. A large boiler house and a dog kennel were also under construction there.

3. Between 11 and 23 December, construction work continued without interruption at the barracks installation under construction southwest of Strausberg. In late December, construction work had to be suspended because of heavy frost. Only about 30 men remained at the sight for clearing up work.

4. By mid-December, all quartering buildings of the installation except for Block I were completed. Seven garages were added to the 3 garages previously completed at the installation. A dog kennel 70 x 50 meters was being built northwest of the garages, south of the Eggersdorf-Hennickendorf road. Foundation work for the concrete road scheduled to be constructed at the installation was started. The only building at the installation to be provided with a concrete ceiling and a concrete shed roof is the guard house. The building has three large concrete basement rooms without windows.

5. No KVP unit had moved to the installation prior to 9 January 1954. Occasionally also Soviet soldiers were seen in the area. The KVP guard detail at the installation was supplied by truck                     

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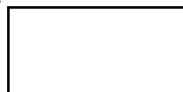
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area probably belonged to the SSD guard regiment in Berlin-Adlershof. Soldiers of this regiment wear KVP uniforms and red collar patches. It is not yet clear whether the installation will be taken over by the SSD guard regiment in Berlin or by a KVP unit.

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